BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SENNETT FIRE DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

OCTOBER 14, 2025 7:30PM

PRESENT:

BUDGET HEARING PROCEDURE AND PROCESS

A. ROLL CALL: John Komarisky, William J. Feocco, David Morris, Heather Christopher, Sean Holmes, Joe Shernesky

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

i. Chairperson reads the following notice

1. This is the public hearing regarding the proposed 2026 budget. In accordance with New York State Town Law, all Fire Districts must, prior to the adoption of their budget, hold a public hearing on their budget. This budget hearing must be held in such a manner to maximize participation in the budget process. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the contents of the budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners, in accordance with legal requirements has adopted their proposed budget on the 11th day of September 2025, which is at least 21 days prior to this budget hearing.

2. Since the Fire Department does maintain a website, the proposed budget was made available online on September 12th, 2025.

3. The Secretary of the fire district has filed with this district an affidavit

i. Stating that the notice of this public hearing was published or posted at least once at least 5 days before the date specified for the hearing in

1. The official newspaper of the fire district,

2. The official signboard of the Town or Towns where the district is located,

4. The notice of public hearing specified the time and date when and the place where this public hearing would be held.

5. Upon its adoption, the fire district secretary also made available for inspection a copy of the proposed budget to any interested person during town office hours.

6. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow members of the public to make comments on the budget. Any person may be heard in favor of, or against, the preliminary budget or any item in it. Please note that this is only a proposed budget until the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the final budget.

7. Prior to the public comment portion of this budget hearing, we will hear from the Fire District Treasurer who will make a brief presentation about the preliminary budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are present. The Fire District Treasurer will be asked to submit the proposed budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are here this evening.

8. This budget must be adopted no later than November 3rd and submitted to the town budget officer by November 7.

ii. THE TREASURER PRESENTS THE PROPOSED BUDGET

a. During this period, the Treasurer should make a brief summary of the proposed budget.

b. The treasurer should not answer specific questions during this time so as not to make this a question-and-answer session.

iii. THE CHAIRPERSON NOW STATES

The public comments period begins. I will now ask any person present wishing to be heard on this proposed budget to come forward so that that person may be heard in favor of, or against, the proposed budget or any item in it. I request that if you wish to address the board on the proposed budget, you raise your hand to be recognized. Clearly state your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes. Please direct all your questions to the board or the

treasurer. This is not a question-and-answer session. Your question will not be answered when asked. The board is looking for your opinion on the budget or any part of it, whether favorable or not. Please tell us what you are in favor of regarding this budget or what you are against. You may ask questions, but this board and the treasurer will not answer any questions until the conclusion of the public comments period.

D. The public makes comments on the budget

E. Conclusion of the public comment portion of the hearing.

i. The chairperson now states

The public comments period of this annual budget hearing has now concluded. The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners are now allowed to ask questions.

F. The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners now ask questions.

G. The treasurer, if able to do so, will now answer questions discussed during the public comments period and fire commissioners questioning period.

The chairperson states

The treasurer will now, if able, address the issues raised during the public comments period.

H. Hearing Closed

i. The chairperson states

This public hearing regarding the proposed budget for 2026 is declared closed. John Komarisky made a motion to close the budget meeting. David Morris seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ii. A motion was made by John Komarisky for a budget adoption date of October 14, 2025, at the regular monthly meeting. Second by William Feocco. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Christopher

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Secretary/Treasurer